parties to identify and locate unclaimed articles.

1961. [Transferred to *the 19th De cember,* 1991]

Demands of Sikkim State

1962. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Government of Sikkim for settling some of the long standing demands of the State;

(b) if so, what are the mam demands of Sikkim pending clearance with the Central Government and since when these demands are pending; and

(c) by when Government propose to settle these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The main demands of the Government of Sikkim which are received from time to time from them and Central Government's reaction thereto are as below:—

(1) Reservation of seats for people of Nepal origin in the legislative assembly of Sikkim

The reservation of seats in a Legislative Assembly is meant primarily for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under article 332 of the Constitution. Therefore, the Government have regretted its inability to accede to the request. However, 4 Writ Petitions on the subject are pending, one in the Supreme Court of India and three others in the High Court of Sikkim.

(2) Inclusion of Nepali language in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution.

The Government are of the view that inclusion of more languages (including Nepali) in the VIITth Schedule of the Constitution would have other repre-percussions and reactions. However, it would continue to be the endeavour of the Government to develop the cultural and literary heritage of all the languages irrespective of their being included in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution.

(3) Settlement of Property claims of Ex-Chogyal of Sikkim.

The Government of India have taken care to see that the ex-chogyal did not face any difficulty and have considered his claim with Sympathy. The ex-chogyal and his son have already been paid considerable amount in cash. Possession of several properties continues to be retained by the heirs of Ex-chogyal.

(4) Inclusion of Sikkim in the North Eastern Council.

The North Eastern Council was constituted for the States of North-Eastern Region which have commonality from the point of view of economic planning and no other unit outside this region could legitimately be included as a member of the Council. It has, therefore, not been possible to include the State of Sikkim in the North Eastern Council.

Arms training to people of weaker sections

1963. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised some of the State Governments to give arms training to the people of weaker Sections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a)

No such advice has been given by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) Does not arise.

Conspiracy to assassinate Rajiv Gandhi

1964. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND RAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Mini ster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports from Sri Lanka to the effect that the conspiracy to assassinate the former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi was carried out under direct supervision and guidance of the LTTE Chief; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, especially with regard of the identification and deportation of LTTE elements from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Such reports have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The issue of conspirary to assassinate the former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi, with all its remifications. has been referred to a commission of inquiry headed by Shri Justice M. C. Jain. It is, therefore, not considered in public Interest to disclose the Government's stand on this issue.

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Arrests in case of kidnapping of Roma-nian Dipohnat

1966. SHRI KAPIL VERMA.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1236 given inthe Rajya SaBha on the 4th December, 1991 and State whether any arrests have been made and arms seized in case of kidnapping of the Romaninn Diplomat.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in Delhi Police

1967. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average standard of living of officers from a constable upwards in Delhi Police is disproportionately more than his known sources of income:

(b) if so, whether Government propose to institute a probe in the matter with a view to determine the magnitude of corruption in Demi Police; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Delhi Police have reported that it is not correct to states that the average standard of living of officers from Constable upward in Delhi is disproportionately more than their known source of income. Whenever any such instance come to notice, an inquiry is made. The Delhi Police have further reported that from 1st January, 1989 to 31st October. 1991, 121 Police Officials were punished on corruption charges.

P. C. R. of Delhi Police

1968. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the column under the caption Delhi Diary in the Times of India' of